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SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST SITUATION

REF: A STATE 203889

B. STATE 203684

1. FOR OUR POSITION ON ISRAELI ARMS SHIPMENTS (REF B) TO HAVE ANY EFFECT, I BELIEVE THAT I SHOULD CONVEY IT TO GOT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. WE HAVE LONG ENJOYED A CLOSE CONSULTATIVE RELATIONSHIP WITH BOURGUIBA AND GOT. TO DELAY MIGHT WELL BE MISUNDERSTOOD PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF BOURGUIBA'S RECENT LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON ON SAME SUBJECT. MOREOVER, LOCAL PRESS, USING BOURGUIBA LETTER AS PEG, HAS ALREADY REACTED TO NEWS IN NEGATIVE ALBEIT FAIRLY RESTRAINED MANNER. THE LONGER WE POSTPONE EXPLAINING OUR POSITION, THE LESS CHANCE WE MAY HAVE TO BE HEARD DURING FORTHCOMING DAYS.

2. SUBJECT TO DEPARTMENT'S APPROVAL, THEREFORE, I PROPOSE TO CALL ON FONOFF CHEF DE CABINET HASSEN FODHA, WHO IS THE HIGHEST RANKING FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL IN THE MINISTRY DURING CURRENT ABSENCE OF FONMIN MASMOUDI. I WILL PROVIDE HIM WITH BOTH AN ORAL PRESENTATION AS WELL AS AN AIDE MEMOIRE BASED ON THE CONTENTS OF REF B. MORE DETAILED REPORTING ON PUBLICITY

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